
By: **Senator McFadden**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in
4 Baltimore City; providing for the membership and cochair of the Task Force;
5 requiring the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families to staff the
6 Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive
7 compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the
8 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to
9 the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the
10 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Youth
11 Homicide Rate in Baltimore City.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in Baltimore City.

15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland serving on the Joint
17 Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, appointed by the President of the
18 Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates serving on the Joint
20 Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, or the
23 Special Secretary's designee;

24 (5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and
25 Prevention, or the Executive Director's Designee;

26 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor;

- 1 (i) one representative of the Youth Empowerment Movement from
2 Baltimore City;
- 3 (ii) one representative of the Baltimore City Bereavement Center;
- 4 (iii) one representative of the Baltimore City Youth Commission;
- 5 (iv) one representative of the Baltimore City Public School System;
6 and
- 7 (v) four family members of youth murdered in Baltimore City; and
- 8 (7) the following members, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City:
- 9 (i) one Baltimore City Council member;
- 10 (ii) one representative of the Baltimore City Mayor's office; and
- 11 (iii) one representative of the Baltimore City Police Department.
- 12 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 13 (d) The Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families shall provide staff
14 for the Task Force.
- 15 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 16 (1) may not receive compensation; but
- 17 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
18 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 19 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 20 (1) consult, on a pro bono basis, with child education, youth delinquency
21 prevention, and health officials and experts;
- 22 (2) convene regional public forums to gather information and feedback
23 from families of youth who have been victims of homicide; and
- 24 (3) develop recommendations for the Governor, General Assembly, and
25 Baltimore City Police Department on how to reduce the youth homicide rate in
26 Baltimore City.
- 27 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
28 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
29 General Assembly, on or before July 1, 2007.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 2 months and at
3 the end of August 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.